

**Subject:** RE: LADOT Lot 731  
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Hi Tara and Claudia,  
This is an issue that tends to pop up and run in cycles. Many of these individuals are those who no longer stay at 3<sup>rd</sup>/Rose. The gated area is storage for either BOS or B&H, can't remember. I'll find out. The transients cut off the city lock, place their own and then use it for their own purposes. The main issue is the inability to adequately secure the gate long term and the issues then spill out onto the ramps. I'd talk to Tony Valenzuela from Mariposa (626-252-4210) and he might be able to point you in the right direction.

Thanks, Mike

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Hi Tara,  
This happened a couple of months back. Taylor and I were actually at the site and observed similar activity. We reached out to LAPD Hope who resolved the issues pretty quickly. I am headed out to that area in about an hour and will take a look.

I will follow up with you!

Claudia

On Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 6:51 PM, Tara Devine <[tara@venicebeachbid.com](mailto:tara@venicebeachbid.com)> wrote:

Dear Claudia:

It's been awhile since we last spoke, but I wanted to reach out and ask for your help with a dangerous situation on City-owned property.

The BID has been operating since May 14th, and our clean and safe services have been very helpful


in improving or eradicating many unsightly and unsafe conditions in the BID ROW. There is a situation we're unable to address for which we could really use your help.

We're seeing a consistent problem that is located in the midst of City-owned property. It's the LADOT Lot 731 (operated by MPI.) It lies between N and S Venice Blvds - its western edge is along Pacific. In the midst of the lot, there are some pathways leading down to the canals/dock and a locked connecting area that appears to have been taken over or "privatized" with what appear to be non-City locks and occupied by non-City personnel and non-City possessions. Trash, urination, feces and more appears to be reaching the canal and supporting a lively ecosystem in the water. There are encampments on the ramps, in the dock area, and within a locked connecting tunnel in which anything could be transpiring. I've attached some photos here and will send some more in separate emails. I've been told it was even worse a month ago.

Cleaning this up and securing it appears to be a multi-department issue to me. So we'd like to open a dialogue with you about:

- 1) resolving this very dangerous and unsanitary issue ASAP
- 2) how we can prevent it from reoccurring in the future

Warmest regards,  
Tara

 <https://docs.google.com/uc?export=download&id=1>

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